



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Bruno Bujoli et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1626
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Application No.: 10/506,550	)	Examiner: Shiao, Rei Tsang
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Filed: July 19, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 1306
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For: MODIFIED PHOSPHOCALCIC	)	
COMPOUND AND INJECTABLE	)	
COMPOSITION CONTAINING IT	)	
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**RESPONSE TO ASSERTION OF LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2007 setting forth an assertion of lack of unity of invention, Applicants submit herewith a three month extension of time extending the period of response from October 27, 2007 to January 27, 2008 and the following response.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires Applicants to elect one of the following two groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-18, in part, drawn to compounds/composition of the formula of claim 1 when the variable  $R^2$  represents an alkyl radical bearing an aromatic substituted comprising at least one N atom, wherein said aromatic substituted comprising at least one N atom is selected from imidazolyl or pyridyl thereof, and their processes of making; and

Group II, claims 1-18, in part, drawn to compounds/composition of the formula of claim 1 containing compounds not encompassed in Group I, and their processes of making.

The Examiner further requires Applicants to elect a single species of either Group I or Group II.